

and has an interest that may be adversely affected may protest approval of the Plan Amendment. Protest should be made to the BLM Director with the following information: (1) Name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest; (2) a statement of the concern or concerns being protested; (3) a statement of the part or parts being protested; (4) a copy of all documents addressing the concern or concerns that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the concern or concerns were discussed for the records; and (5) a concise statement explaining why the BLM New Mexico State Director's decision is wrong. At the end of the 30-day protest period, the Proposed Plan, excluding any portions under protest, will become final. Approval will be withheld on any portion of the Plan under protest until final action has been completed on such protest. Individuals not wishing to protest the Plan, but wanting to comment, may send comments to the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. All comments received will be considered in preparation of the Decision Record.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the RMP Amendment/EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The direct sale will be subject to:

1. A reservation to the United States of a right-of-way for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States in accordance with the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals. A more detailed description of this reservation, which will be incorporated in the patent

document or other document of conveyance is available for review at this BLM office. Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will segregate the public land from appropriations under the public land laws including the mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws. This segregation will terminate upon the issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance, 270 days from date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or upon publication of Notice of Termination, whichever occurs first.

Any adverse comments concerning the direct sale will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify the realty action. In the absence of any objections, the realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

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Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Formal Planning and Development of a Soundscape Management Plan for Biscayne National Park, Homestead, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement initiating the planning and development of a Soundscape Management Plan for Biscayne National Park, Florida.

SUMMARY: This May, the National Park Service will begin formal planning and development of a Soundscape Management Plan for Biscayne National Park, Homestead, Florida.

The Park was established as a national monument in 1968. In 1980 it was enlarged to 181,500 acres and re-designated as a national park to protect a rare combination of subtropical terrestrial, marine, and amphibious life. Preservation and restoration of the natural sound environments within Biscayne National Park has become one of the foremost challenges in the protection of park resources. Today, natural ambient sound are threatened and the experience of park visitors is altered, as noises of civilization and technological conveniences increasingly reach even the most remote corners of the park.

Biscayne National Park has sought National Park Service guidance with regard to protecting, restoring and

managing the park soundscape as a resource. As a result, the park has determined a need to evaluate and manage our collective soundscape including natural sounds as well as sounds generated by park operations, visitor activities, aircraft overflights and other human sources. To address this challenge, Biscayne National Park will begin park planning to create a Soundscape Management Plan. The park will be requesting public input and participation during the various stages of the planning process.

DATES: The draft plan is expected to be available for public comment this fall. Refer to local and regional newspapers for further information on public meeting dates, times and locations.

ADDRESSES: Anyone wishing to provide comments or suggestions on the Soundscape Management Plan may send such information to: Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, 9700 SW 328th Street, Homestead, FL 33033-5634, or BSIC__Soundstage@nps.gov.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

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Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Fort Stanwix National Monument, Oneida County, New York; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meetings

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102 (c)), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fort Stanwix National Monument, located in Rome, Oneida County, New York. The purpose of the EIS is to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies which will be described in the General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Stanwix National Monument. A range of alternatives will be formulated for cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations.

The NPS will hold a public meeting on June 9, 1999, 6:30 p.m., at the Rome Historical Society, 200 Church Street, Rome, New York 13440, to provide an opportunity for public input into the scoping for the GMP/EIS. A newsletter will be distributed through the local media, announcing the date, time and